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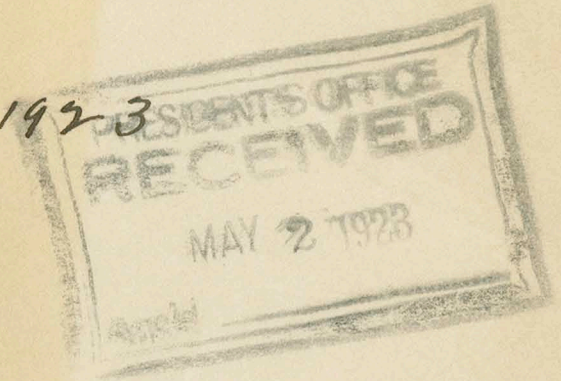
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Garden Street Presbyterian Church

B. B. Lavender, Minister

Columbia, Tennessee

May 1, 1923



Mr. H. A. Morgan,
Knoxville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Morgan:—

Under separate cover I'm mailing you a copy of the Minutes of the Presbytery of Duck River, Presbyterian Church U. S. A., on page 18 of which you will find some resolutions which were adopted. We desired to give expression of our confidence in your faithfulness to God, and the true faith as taught in the Bible. Wishing you continued success in your splendid work, I am,

Very truly

B. B. Lavender, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Duck River

MINUTES

—OF—

Presbytery of Duck River
Presbyterian Church
IN THE U. S. A.

STATED MEETINGS:

Sept. 1922

April 1923

REV. J. M. ROBISON, Moderator

REV. B. B. LAVENDER, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

—OF—

Presbytery of Duck River Presbyterian Church IN THE U. S. A.

STATED MEETINGS

Howell, Tenn. Sept. 18-20, 1923

Columbia, Tenn., April 16-18, 1923.

CALL MEETINGS:

Lewisburg, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1923

Tullahoma, Tenn., Feb. 19, 1923.

THE HERALD, COLUMBIA, TENN.

IN MEMORIAM

TO

REV. JAMES MARSHALL BROWN

Born Jan. 29, 1836

Entered Into Rest Jan. 11, 1923

A man of God, loyal to Christ, faithful to the
church, mighty in prayer, full of good
works and the Holy Spirit.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from
henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from
their labors; and their works do follow them."

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND SESSION CLERKS

Beech Grove.....	Eugene Rayburn, Beech, Grove, Tenn.
Bell Buckle	J. P. Tillman, Bell Buckle, Tenn.
Central	D. W. C. Smith, Culleoka, Tenn.
Chapel Hill	O. L. Marshal, Chapel Hill, Tenn.
Christiana	Jesse Sugg, Christiana, Tenn.
Colege Grove	J. J. Covington, College Grove, Tenn.
Cowan	H. J. Caperton, Cowan, Tenn.
Farmington	Hoyle Montgomery, Farmington, Tenn.
Grace	D. T. Buchanan, Fayetteville, Tenn.
Columbia, Garden Street	L. S. Duke, Columbia, Tenn.
Howell	H. C. Harris, Howell, Tenn.
Huntland	C. M. Banks, Huntland, Tenn.
Lawrenceburg	Jno. W. Springer, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
Lewisburg	J. N. Lowrance, Lewisburg, Tenn.
McMinnville	A. B. Ramsey, McMinnville, Tenn.
Mooreville	J. G. Coffey, Lewisburg, Tenn., R. D. 2
Normandy	J. W. Waite, Normandy, Tenn.
Shiloh	Marshall Greer, Rowland, Tenn.
Smartt	R. W. Smartt, Smartt, Tenn.
Tullahoma	Dr. S. F. Knott, Tullahoma, Tenn.
Unionville	R. L. Jarrell, Unionville, Tenn.
Winchester	J. T. Huffman, Winchester, Tenn.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Bruce, W. J.....	Culleoka, Tenn.
Cody, E. F.	Christiana, Tenn.
Crump, W. R. M.....	Newburg, Ind.
Gilmore, W. L.....	Fayetteville, Tenn.
Jenkins, G. F.....	Changte, China
Lavender, B. B.....	Columbia, Tenn.
Liles, E. H., D D.....	McMinnville, Tenn.
Jones, E. S.....	Newburg, Ind.
Rankin, M. M.....	Akron, Ohio
Robison, G. D.....	Chapel Hill, Tenn.
Robison, J. M.....	Normandy, Tenn.
Smith, R. P.....	Columbia, Tenn.
Smith, I. C.....	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
Stockard, A. N.....	Columbia, Tenn.
Thompson, W. W.....	Huntland, Tenn.
VanHorn, W. T.....	Wichita, Kansas
Watson, B. T.....	Lebanon, Tenn.
Welsh, Howard M.....	Tullahoma, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

- Home Missions—Rev. B. B. Lavender, Rev. G. D. Robison, Elder J. W. Waite.
- Foreign Missions—Rev. W. J. Bruce, Rev. B. B. Lavender, Elder A. J. Ruch.
- General Education—Rev. G. D. Robison, Prof. R. L. Harris, Elder C. M. Banks.
- Religious Education and Young People's Work—Rev. G. D. Robison, Elder C. L. Moffatt.
- Ministerial Relief and Sustentation—Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., Rev. Howard M. Welsh.
- Church Erection—Rev. I. C. Smith, Elder A. B. Ramsey.
- Temperance and Moral Welfare—Rev. W. J. Bruce, Elder T. L. Huffman.
- Freedmen—Rev. I. C. Smith, Rev. W. W. Thompson, Elder A. J. Ruch.
- Evangelism—Rev. B. T. Watson, Elder C. L. Cheek.
- Historical and Memorial—Rev. B. B. Lavender, Elder H. C. Harris, Elder R. A. McCord.
- Narrative—Rev. R. P. Smith, Elder W. O. Partee.
- Vacancy and Supply—Rev. G. D. Robison, H. C. Harris, J. W. Waite.
- New Era—Rev. W. L. Gilmore, Rev. B. T. Watson, Rev. G. D. Robison, Elder A. J. Buch, Elder J. W. Waite, Elder Frank Baker.

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

- Class 1924—Rev. B. T. Watson, Chairman; Elder J. W. Waite.
- Class 1925—Rev. W. L. Gilmore, Elder E. J. Park.
- Class 1926—Rev. G. D. Robison, Elder R. A. McCord.

TRUSTEES

- Judge W. R. Smartt, Chairman; Elder C. L. Moffatt, Rev. B. B. Lavender.

MINUTES PRESBYTERY OF DUCK RIVER, SEPT. 18-20, 1922 HOWELL, TENN.

The Presbytery of Duck River of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., met with the Howell Congregation, Monday, Sept. 18, 1922, at 7:30 P. M. In the absence of the retiring Moderator, Judge R. W. Smartt, Rev. G. D. Robison, the last preceeding moderator, called the Presbytery to order. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., on the subject, "The Transfiguration," text, Matt. 17.2. The constituting prayer was offered by Rev. R. P. Smith. The roll was called and was made up as follows:

Ministers Present—Anderson, A. G.; Bruce, W. J.; Gilmore, W. L.; Lavender, B. B.; Liles, E. H.; Robison, G. D.; Smith, I. C.; Watson, B. T.; Smith, R. P.; Stockard, A. N.; Thompson, W. W.

Ministers Absent—Rev. E. F. Cody.

The following ministers have permission to attend at their convenience or discretion—Brown, J. M.; Crump, W. R. M.; Jones, E. S.; Rankin, M. M.; Van Horn, W. T., and Jenkins, G. F., Foreign Miss.

Churches represented by elders as follows—Central (Culleoka) Park, T. H.; Colege Grove, White, T. C.; Garden St. (Columbia) Park, G. W.; Howell, White, D. W.; Lewisburg, Craig, C. E.; Tullahoma, Moffatt, C. L.; Winchester, Ruch, A. J. Churches not represented, Beech Grove, Bell Buckle, Chapel Hill, Christianna, Cowan, Farmington, Huntland, Lasting Hope, Lawrenceburg, McMinnville, Mooresville, Normandy, Shiloh, Smartt, and Unionville.

Rev. I. C. Smith was elected Moderator. The program as presented by the program committee was adopted as a working basis for this meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 in the morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. N. Stockard.

TUESDAY MORNING

Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, and was led in prayer by Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D. Rev. W. J. Bruce led the Presbytery in the half hour devotional service.

The roll was called and the same ministers were present and the same churches represented by elders as on last evening with the addition of Elder D. T. Buchanan representing Grace Church, Fayetteville. The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved. The minutes of the pro re nata meetings held at Lewisburg, May 30, 1922 and at Winchester, July 3, 1922, were read and approved. The moderator announced the following Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D.; Elders C. E. Craig, and D. W. White.

Resolutions—Rev. A. N. Stockard, Elders T. C. White and C. L. Moffatt.

Minutes of the Gen. Assembly—Rev. G. D. Robison.

Several communications in the hands of the Clerk were read and referred to the proper committees. The excuse of Rev. E. F. Cody for not attending this meeting of Presbytery was read and accepted as satisfactory.

Greetings from Rev. W. M. R. Crump were read, and the Clerk was instructed to answer, and express Presbytery's appreciation for the same.

Rev. B. B. Lavender was elected Stated Clerk. Elder T. H. Park was elected temporary clerk. The report of the Committee on Presbyterian Manual was read, and consideration of the report in detail was begun. Articles I, II, III, and I V., were adopted.

Rev. B. T. Watson and Rev. G. D. Robison were appointed to assist the committee on Narrative in considering a paper referred to this Committee. The following elders representing the churches designated appeared and were enrolled: Ezzell, F. H., Chapel Hill;

Mount, R. A., Farmington; Bryant, Lewis, Mooresville. The first hour after noon recess was set as special time to receive candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

The Committee to install Rev. G. D. Robison over the Chapel Hill and College Grove churches reported that the installation was held June 25, 1922. The Committee to declare the Normandy pulpit vacant stated that said act had been done July 30, 1922.

Rev. G. D. Robison, Commissioner to the Gen. Assembly reported as follows:

"As instructed I attended the Pre-Assembly meeting arranged by the Evangelistic Committee. Your lay representative, Judge R. W. Smartt, who attended in the place of H. J. Caperton, and I attended all the sessions of the Assembly and tried faithfully to represent the Presbytery of Duck River." Signed: G. D. Robison.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation gave its report and it is as follows: "Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentaion would report as follows: That you authorize us to recommend to the Board the following persons:

Rev. W. T. Van Horn, Wichita, Kan., from Aug. 1, 1922.	\$400
Rev. W. W. Thompson, Huntland, Tenn.....	600
Rev. William Crump, Newburg, Ind.....	Free Residence
Rev. M. M. Rankin, Akron, Ohio.....	400
Rev. J. M. Brown, Lewisburg, Tenn	350
Mrs. T. C. Tigert, Memphis, Tenn.....	300
Rev. E. S. Jones, Newburg, Ind.....	Free Residence

We would call attention to the fact that, while members of this Presbytery have received, during the last year, \$2,050.00, the record shows that our churches contributed only \$172 to this cause. This amount of money that our members received was besides that expense of caring for two of our members in Thornton Home. The General Assembly has, several times, doing so at its last meeting, endorsed the movement to raise \$10,000,000.00 for the Sustentation Fund; but the Board has now only about one fourth of that amount. We recommend that ministers and elders do all they can to increase the contributions of our churches. Respectfully submitted, E. H. Liles."

The Committee on Home Mission, Rev. B. B. Lavender, Chairman, gave a verbal report concerning the condition of churches in the Presbytery and urged that the churches be faithful to send to the Home Board the allotted share—36.5%—of the Benevolent Fund. The Treasurer was instructed to pay any ordinary expense of this committee in the prosecution of its work.

The Committee on Dibrell and Shiloh reported that the Shiloh congregation showed signs of improvement, and that Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., was supplying for them one Sunday afternoon each month. Dr. Liles was commended for his work. Regarding the property at Dibrell, the Committee stated that an offer of \$600 had been

made for the same. Presbytery instructed the Committee to arrange for the sale.

Miss Mae Lynn, Children's Worker for our Synod, addressed the Presbytery regarding the work among the children of our churches. Presbytery voted its appreciation to Mr. P. E. Green and Miss Lynn for the work of visitation and conference in the Presbytery last May.

At 11 o'clock the Presbyterian Communion service was held. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Anderson from the text, Rev. 12:11. The Bread was administered by Rev. A. N. Stockard with the assistance of Elders C. L. Moffatt and A. J. Ruch. The Wine was administered by Rev. R. P. Smith with the assistance of Elders G. W. Park and F. H. Ezzell. Recess was taken until 1:45 P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. P. Smith.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 1:45 by the Moderator, and was led in prayer by Rev. B. B. Lavender. Opportunity was given for persons to place themselves under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the Ministry. Mr. Robt. Hamilton, a member of the Grace Church, Fayetteville, presented himself, and after examination concerning his Christian experience and motives for seeking to enter the ministry, was duly received. Special prayer was offered by his pastor, Rev. W. L. Gilmore.

A conference on New Era Work was conducted by the Chairman, Rev. W. L. Gilmore. The following ministers spoke on the subjects assigned:

Missionary Education—W. J. Bruce.

Every Member Mobilization—G. D. Robison.

Family Religion—B. T. Watson.

Stewardship—E. H. Liles, D. D.

Every Member Canvass—B. B. Lavender.

Rev. J. M. Robison, Presbytery of Cumberland Mountain, and Rev. R. O. Franklin, Presbytery of Union, were invited to sit as corresponding members. On account of the inability of Dr. John Royal Harris to be present at the evening hour, Presbytery voted to hear Rev. R. O. Franklin at that time instead of at 11 o'clock tomorrow. Miss Mae Lynn again addressed the Presbytery regarding Children's Work. Recess was taken until 7:30 tonight. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. O. Franklin.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Presbytery convened at 7:30 and prayer was offered by several brethren. Rev. R. O. Franklin for 12 years a missionary in Siam gave a most helpful and inspiring address on the work done by our Church in that country.

The Committee on Resolutions gave its report which is as follows:

"Resolved, that this Presbytery express its heartfelt thanks to our pastor host, his congregation, and members of this community, for their kind hospitality and generous and bountiful provision for our

welfare while in their midst. Respectfully, A. N. Stockard, T. C. White, C. L. Moffatt."

Ten o'clock tomorrow was set as special time for the consideration of Cumberland University. Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 A. M. tomorrow. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. T. Watson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presbytery was called to order at 8:30 A. M. by the moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Robison. Half hour devotional service was led by Rev. B. T. Watson. The roll was called and the same persons answered as on yesterday with the exception of Elders F. H. Ezzell and C. E. Craig. Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Further consideration of the manual was taken up, and Articles V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, were adopted in order. The document was then adopted as a whole. The Stated Clerk was instructed to provide sufficient copies of the Manual for all ministers and church sessions of the Presbytery.

Garden St. Church, Columbia, Tenn., was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows: "Moderator and Brethren: We have carefully examined all of the Overtures handed down to us by the Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly, and we recommend that you vote in the affirmative on all of them except the one 'Forbidding voting by proxy in congregational meetings', upon which we recommend that you vote in the negative. E. H. Liles, Chairman." The report was adopted.

The Committee on Narrative was instructed to receive reports from the churches, and to prepare the report and send to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery. Churches were urged to be prompt in replying to the inquiry made.

Cumberland University as our special institution was considered. Addresses were made by Rev. W. J. Bruce, Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., Rev. W. L. Gilmore, and Rev. B. T. Watson. Presbytery voted to request the authorities of Cumberland University to apply the funds of the Biles Bequest and any other available funds to the re-establishing of the Theological Department of the University.

The Committee on Minutes of Gen. Assembly reported as follows: "The Annual Statistical Report of each Church to Presbytery shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery on or, if possible, before April 15. The Annual Statistical Report of each Presbyterial Stated Clerk together with such other papers as it may be his duty annually to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly, shall be in his hands, on or, if possible, before May 1st. The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, in sending to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly each year the names of the Commissioners and alternates to the meeting of the Gen. Assembly, shall in connection therewith, and on a suitable blank to be furnished therefor by the Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly, certify as to the number of ministers on the roll of

the Presbytery on the day and hour when the Commissioners and alternates certified were elected. Attention is called to these matters for our information and guidance. Respectfully, G. D. Robison."

The Committee on Education reported as follows: "Candidate Chas. R. Johnson is in school in Maryville where he secured some work by the doing of which he pays part of his expenses. Mr. Johnson has sent to the Committee a well written discourse on the text, Mark 16:15. We recommend that Presbytery recommend Candidate Robt. B. Hamilton to the Board of Education for aid while in pursuit of his studies in Bryson College of the Associate Reform Presbyterian Church. Respectfully, G. D. Robison."

The Rev. A. N. Stockard by vote of Presbytery was placed on the Honorably Retired list. The Evangelistic Committee was empowered to dispose of the tent owned by Presbytery. On motion the Committee on Ministerial Relief was to be composed of Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., chairman, and Rev. A. G. Anderson. Trustees of Presbytery were elected as follows: Judge R. W. Smartt, Chairman; Elder C. L. Moffatt, Rev. B. B. Lavender.

Elder H. C. Harris, and Rev. B. T. Watson were appointed to attend to the sale of the property at Cornersville. The Committee on Attendance reported that permission had been granted to Elder C. E. Craig to return home. The minutes of this morning session were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet with the Garden St. Presbyterian Church Monday after the third Sunday in April at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Prayer and Benediction by Rev. I. C. Smith, Moderator.

I. C. Smith, Moderator,

B. B. LAVENDER, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF PRO RE NATA MEETING, WATER ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LEWISBURG, TENN., NOV. 28, 1922, AT 2 P. M.

Presbytery was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Gilmore. Rev. W. L. Gilmore was elected to preside at this meeting. The following ministers and elders were present: Ministers, J. M. Brown, W. L. Gilmore, B. T. Watson, B. B. Lavender and Howard M. Welsh of the Presbytery of Marion; Elders, L. A. Bryant, McCoressville; S. K. Dillard, Farmington; J. N. Lowrance, Lewisburg.

The clerk read the call for the meeting.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Nov. 18, 1922.

Brethren of the Presbytery of Duck River:—

I hereby call a meeting of the Presbytery of Duck River to be held at the Water St. Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1922, at 2 P. M. to transact the following business; to consider and act upon

the petition of the Water St. and Farmington churches and Rev. B. T. Watson for dissolution of pastoral relations, to consider and act upon the ministerial letter of Rev. Howard M. Welsh and to attend to any other business arising from the above actions.

(Signed) I. C. SMITH, Moderator.

Rev. B. T. Watson presented his resignation as pastor of the Lewisburg group. Elders J. N. Lowrance and S. K. Dillard representing the ewisburg and Farmington churches respectively stated that the churches concurred in this request for a dissolution of pastoral relation. Motion was made to accept the resignation to take effect Jan. 1, 1923. Rev. J. M. Brown was appointed moderator of the sessions and to declare the pulpits vacant.

Rev. Howard M. Welsh was received by letter from the Presbytery or Marion. Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by Rev. Howad M. Welsh.

B. B. LAVENDER, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF PRO RE NATA MEETING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEEE, 9 A. M. Feb. 19, 1923.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev. G. D. Robison, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D. The following ministers and elders were present: G. D. Robison, B. T. Watson, W. L. Gilmore, E. H. Liles, D. D., A. G. Anderson, B. B. Lavender and Rev. J. M. Robison, of the Presbytery of Cumberland Mountain; Elders, J. M. Anthony, Tullahoma, and T. L. Huffman, Normandy. Rev. J. M. Robison of the Presbytery of Cumberland Mountain was invited to a seat as a corresponding member. The stated clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:

Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Feb. 6, 1923.

Brethren of the Presbytery of Duck River:—

I hereby call a meeting of the Presbytery of Duck River to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., Feb. 19, 1923, at 9 A. M., to transact the following business: To consider and act upon the petition of Rev. A. G. Anderson and the Tullahoma Church for a dissolution of pastoral relations, to grant Rev. A. G. Anderson a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, and to transact any other business arising from the above acts.

(Signed) I. C. SMITH, Moderator.

Rev. A. G. Anderson presented his resignation as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma, Tenn. Elder J. M. Anthony representing the church spoke, concurring in this request for dissolution of pastoral relations. Motion was made to accept resignation to take effect March 1, 1923. Rev. B. T. Watson was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, and Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., was appointed moderator of the session. Rev. A. G. Anderson was granted a letter to the

Fresbytery of Crawfordsville. Rev. I. C. Smith was appointed chairman of the committee on Church Erection in the place of Rev. A. G. Anderson. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. T. Watson.

B. B. LAVENDER, Stated Clerk.

STATED MEETING, APRIL 16-18, 1923.

The Presbytery of Duck River of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Garden St. Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tenn., April 16, 1923, at 7:30 P. M.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. I. C. Smith, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., using as a text I John 5.4. Rev. R. P. Smith, senior member of the Presbytery present, acted as moderator. The constituting prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Robison.

The roll was called showing the following ministers present, and churches represented: Ministers, W. J. Bruce, E. F. Cody, W. L. Gilmore, B. B. Lavender, E. H. Liles, D. D., R. P. Smith, B. T. Watson, Howard M. Welsh; Chapel Hill, S. L. Giles; Central, Milton Andrews; Christianna, J. P. Gibson; Cowan, H. J. Caperton; Garden St., B. A. Satterfield; Huntland, C. M. Banks; Normandy, T. L. Huffman; Tullahoma, C. M. Ferrell; and the following ministers absent and churches not represented: Ministers, I. C. Smith, G. D. Robison; Churches, Beech Grove, Bell Buckle, Lasting Hope, College Grove, Farmington, Fayetteville, Howell, Lawrenceburg, Mooresville, McMinnville, Shiloh, Smartt Memrl., Lewisburg, Unionville and Winchester. Candidate Robert Hamilton was presnt.

Rev. J. M. Robison was received by letter from the Presbytery of Cumberland Mountain, and was elected moderator by acclamation. Rev. E. F. Cody was elected temporay clerk. Rev. R. L. Ownbey of the Tenn. Conference, M. E. Church, South, and Rev. T. N. Crawford, of the Presbytery of Elk, C. P. Church were introduced to the presbytery and invited to seats as corresponding members.

The program as presented by the committee was adopted as a working basis for this meeting of presbytery. After announcements by the pastor-host presbytery adjourned until 8:45 Tuesday morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Cody.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1923.

Presbytery was called to order at 8:45 A. M., and was led in a devotional service by Rev. Howard M. Welsh.

The roll was called and the following names were added: Rev. A. N. Stockard, Rev. G. D. Robison; Elders, R. S. Church, Lasting Hope; Hoyle Montgomery, Farmington; E. H. Jones, Fayetteville; R. A. McCord, Water St.; W. R. Bryant, Mooresville; H. C. Harris, Howell.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The minutes of the called meetings held at Lewisburg and Tullahoma were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees: Nominations, Rev. W. L. Gilmore, Rev. G. D. Robison, Elder C. M. Banks; Bills and Overtures, Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., Rev. E. F. Cody, Elder T. L. Huffman; Minutes of Synod, Elders R. A. McCord and C. M. Ferrell; Resolutions, Rev. Howard M. Welsh, Elder J. P. Gordon; Auditing, Elders, B. A. Satterfield and S. L. Giles; Session Records, Rev. W. J. Bruce, Rev. B. T. Watson, Rev. Howard M. Welsh.

Several communications to the Presbytery were read by the clerk and referred to proper committees. A call from the Normandy Church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. M. Robison was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. The call was accepted and Mr. Robison and Elder T. L. Huffman were appointed to arrange for the installation.

A letter from Rev. I. C. Smith giving excuse for not attending this meeting of Presbytery was read and accepted as satisfactory. The treasurer's report was read, and placed in the hands of the auditing committee.

The report of the Committee of Narrative was presented and is as follows:

Your Committee on Narrative of Christian Life and Work notes with profound gratitude a deepening spiritual interest in the majority of the churches of the Presbytery. The work among the children and young people is especially fine. We note with great pleasure the growth of the Daily Vacation School in many of our churches where the young people and youth are given faithful instruction in the Bible by the earnest Christian men and women of the Church. We cannot commend this work too highly.

Another encouraging fact we note with rejoicing is, that there has been so many schools of Missions, thus giving the information needed to arouse an interest in world wide missions: The women in most all the churches have a live missionary society, thus giving whole hearted support of the Church's program to give the gospel to the world.

Another joyful sign of the times is the emphasis on evangelism by all the ministers of the Presbytery. Consequently there is an increase in the membership of many of the churches. We note that special emphasis is placed upon Bible study in the home with family worship an important feature. There seems to be a growing interest in the work of the church within the bounds of the presbytery.

The churches of the presbytery report that their finances are in very good shape. Many of them make the everymember canvass, pay their pastors adequate salaries, keep their houses in reasonably good repair, and insured.

We have reasons to thank God and take courage.

R. P. SMITH.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism, Rev. B. T. Watson, chairman, reported as follows:

"A most wholesome and salutary slogan for the church is, "Year

around evangelism and year end evangelism." Then beginning with some individual, pass into the Sunday school with the sweet story of the gospel, for decision day and children's day, letting none escape your personal attention and "let no man take thy crown."

There is not a department of church work or agency of our Assembly, but by its very nature has for its goal, "evangelization of all men." If we begin with the man at our side we reach out to the man in the street, the congregation at the church, the tabernacle and the tent. Then thirsting for souls we are not content until we touch the heart of all nations.

Through the Board of Young People and Sabbath school work we start them in the way of "Christ for every life and all of life." The Board of Education prepares them for evangelistic activities to be taken up by the Home and Foreign Boards to be apostles to earth's remotest bounds. This makes a golden chain, linking together every life into a colossal Christian body. During the past twelve months special evangelistic meetings have been conducted with the Culleoka, Mooresville, Lewisburg, Farmington, Fayetteville, Smartts Memorial, and Lawrenceburg churches, and possibly others from which we have not had report, besides the quiet work of pastor and teacher in the home and Sunday school and church services, which is as truly evangelistic and results in soul winning. Your committee would, however, urge that every one of our churches hold special evangelistic services this year. Union meetings are not objectional when in the power of the Spirit. We recommend that to attain the goal, "every church a revival church," pastors assist each other until the circle is complete. We most heartily recommend the program of active work laid out by the Gen. Assembly's Committee on Evangelism published in the Feb. number of the Presbyterian Magazine, entitled "From Golden Gate to the Palisades." We recommend that one or both of your commissioners to the next Assembly be appointed to attend the pre-assembly conference on evangelism.

B. T. WATSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Men's work presented the following report: All work is men's work. No part of the program of Christ's kingdom is complete without the manly, spiritual uplift of its men. Men's classes in the Sunday school constitute a basis for operation in our churches of this presbytery that should be utilized. It may not be practical to maintain separate organizations, but "get together" and do things should be our effort.

B. T. WATSON, Chairman.

Rev. E. L. Orr, D. D., Presbytery of West Tenn., of our church; Rev. J. C. Molloy, D. D. and Rev. D. D. Little, Presbytery of Columbia, Presbyterian Church U. S., were introduced to the presbytery and invited to seats as corresponding members.

Rev. G. D. Robison, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, spoke regarding the work of his committee and then introduced Mr. P. E. Green, who spoke on "Religious Education."

At the 11 o'clock hour a sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Gilmore, using as a text Rom. 1:14, 15, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. Rev. Howard M. Welsh administered the bread, and Rev. R. P. Smith administered the Cup. The following elders assisted in the service: C. M. Banks, J. P. Gordon, T. L. Huffman, R. A. McCord. Recess was then taken for lunch. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Molloy, D. D.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 1:30, and was lead in prayer by Elder C. M. Banks. Miss Lynn, Supt. of children's work in our Synod was given the privilege of the floor, and made a strong appeal for proper provision for the children in the church and Sunday school.

Rev. W. A. Provine, D. D., Presbytery of Nashville, was introduced to the presbytery and invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows: We have endeavored to give oversight to the churches under our supervision both by visitation and correspondence. We have had splendid co-operation, and we deeply appreciate this spirit of the churches.

We rejoice that Rev. J. M. Robison has accepted the Normandy-Huntland pastorate, and that splendid progress is being made. We plan to secure pastors for full time at Tullahoma and Cowan. Rev. Howard M. Welsh is to begin work at Tullahoma soon, and Robert Hamilton, our candidate, is to care for Cowan for the time being. Rev. I. C. Smith is to continue at Lawrenceburg. Rev. E. F. Cody will continue work with the Christianna-Bell Buckle pastorate. Sufficient funds have been asked from the Home Board to finance these projects.

We desire to urge every pastor and elder to see that the Home Board receives its full share of the offerings of this presbytery that we may have funds for our work.

Attention is called to the indebtedness of the Home Board, an effort to lift which is being made before this Board becomes a part of the Board of National Missions. Gifts, conditioned upon the raising of this debt before the Assembly, have been made. The church should respond to this opportunity of securing these contributions, and the churches of this presbytery should contribute their share of this fund.

We ask that emphasis be placed upon the study of the Home Mission text books in our Mission Study program this year. The Church's opportunity among the children of America is presented in very attractive form. Our churches will profit by these studies.

We need not be disturbed by the reorganization of our Board. The work of Home Missions will be carried on in very much the same way, though, perhaps under a different name.

We are glad to state that we have a new Synodical superintendent. Rev. E. L. Orr, D. D., whom we all know and love, has accepted

this position and will enter upon his work May 1. Under his leadership we can expect to make splendid progress in our presbytery and Synod.

B. B. LAVENDER, Chairman.

Rev. E. L. Orr, D. D., spoke concerning the work of the Board of Home Missions.

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply reported as follows: "Visits have been made to Tullahoma, and letters have been written to Winchester in the interest of their securing pastors. The Committee on Vacancy and Supply of the Assembly has been kept informed as to changes in our presbytery. The Committee stands ready to serve pastorless churches and the churchless pastors in any way possible.

G. D. ROBISON, Chairman.

A memorial service for Rev. J. M. Brown was conducted, Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., presiding. A brief sketch of the life of Bro. Brown was read. Tributes to the splendid character work, and faithfulness were given by Rev. J. M. Robison, Rev. B. T. Watson, Rev. E. L. Orr, D. D., and Elder R. A. McCord.

It was ordered that a page in the printed minutes be dedicated to Bro. Brown.

Presbytery heard with interest a sermon prepared and read by candidate Robert Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton is studying in Bryson College, and is taking advantage of opportunities to exercise his gifts in preparations for the gospel ministry.

The Chairman of the New Era Committee, Rev. W. L. Gilmore, spoke regarding the progress of this work within our presbytery. Rev. W. A. Provine, D. D., gave an address on "The Goal and Attainments of the New Era in various parts of our church."

The following are the quotas asked for by the New Era Committee for the year closing March 31, 1924.

THE NEW ERA QUOTAS FOR THE CHURCHES OF THE
PRESBYTERY 1923-24.

Name of Church.....	Congregational Quota ...	Woman's Board Quota ...	Total Congregational and Woman's Board.....	Cumberland University ..	Grand Total
Beech Grove\$	160.00	\$	160.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 170.00
Bell Buckle	125.00		125.00	10.00	135.00
Central (Culleoka) ..	160.00	160.00	320.00	25.00	345.00
Chapel Hill	275.00	160.00	435.00	50.00	485.00
Christiana	250.00	75.00	325.00	50.00	375.00
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College Grove	245.00	185.00	430.00	50.00	480.00
Cowan	100.00	75.00	175.00	10.00	185.00
Farmington	160.00	80.00	240.00	10.00	250.00
Fayetteville	440.00	160.00	600.00	75.00	675.00
Garden Street					
Columbia	560.00	310.00	870.00	75.00	945.00
Howell	180.00	70.00	250.00	10.00	260.00
Huntland	100.00	25.00	125.00	10.00	135.00
Lawrenceburg	91.00	34.00	125.00	15.00	135.00
Lewisburg	240.00	160.00	400.00	25.00	425.00
McMinnville	440.00	260.00	700.00	50.00	750.00
Mooresville	200.00	34.00	234.00	25.00	259.00
Normandy	280.00	125.00	405.00	25.00	430.00
Smartt's	100.00	50.00	150.00	10.00	160.00
Tullahoma	275.00	105.00	380.00	25.00	405.00
Unionville	55.00		55.00	10.00	65.00
Winchester	245.00	255.00	500.00	25.00	525.00
	\$4,681.00	\$2,335.00	\$7,016.00	\$600.00	\$7,616.00

Recess was taken until 7:30 in the evening.

Presbytery convened at 7:30 and a popular meeting with the Presbyterian Society was held. Mrs. J. D. Elkins, President, was presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Bruce. An address was given by Mrs. Andrew Todd Taylor of Philadelphia, and a stereopticon lecture given by Dr. J. M. Patterson. Presbytery adjourned until 8:45 in the morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Presbytery was called to order at 8:45. The devotional service was led by Rev. E. F. Cody. The roll was called and the following elders failed to respond: Hoyle Montgomery, E. H. Jones, W. R. Bryant, H. C. Harris.

Some further discussion of the New Era work was had.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names for commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, B. T. Watson, Principal; I. C. Smith, Alternate; Elders, W. B. Grenlaw, Principal; H. C. Harris, Alternate. The report was adopted and election made according to the report.

Presbytery instructed the ministerial commissioner to attend the pre-assembly conference on evangelism, and the elder commissioner to attend the conference on Home Missions, if possible.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. E. H. Liles, D. D., chairman, reported and recommended that this presbytery join with the Presbytery of Elizabeth in the following overture:

"The Presbytery of Elizabeth, believing that the permanent funds of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation should be materially increased in the near future, in order that a higher average of relief annuities may be granted than is now possible, and that the Sustentation Department may be suitably strengthened, respectfully overtures the General Assembly of 1923 to appoint a committee of laymen of recognized ability and devotion to the Church, who, in co-operation with the Board, shall be charged with the task of securing within a reasonable period, as an extra-budget matter, a fund of at least fifteen million dollars to be added to the endowment of said Board."

The report was adopted and the recommendation concurred in.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolved that this Presbytery place itself on record as being in hearty sympathy with the idea of closer co-operation between our brethren of other Presbyterian bodies in this section, that we indorse the federations now in operation at Winchester and Fayetteville, and that we express our desire or willingness to enter into even closer co-operation in these overlapping fields on an exchange basis. Be it further resolved that we urge our churches to consult our Home Mission Committee regarding all such arrangements, and that the actions

of the Home Mission Committee and the churches be subject to the ratification of Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, it has been publicly reported that Prof. H. A. Morgan, President of the University of Tennessee, has not only forbidden the use of text books which teach theories that set at naught the Biblical account of Creation, and teach that man sprang from a lower order of animals, and that besides forbidding the use of such text books, he promptly notify the professor who without authority or permission ordered and proposed to use such books in his class that his services are no longer needed after the close of the present session at the University of Tennessee.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Duck River Presbytery wishes to place itself on record as being in no sense opposed to true science, it believes in education and believes that there is no real conflict between true science and the true teachings of the Bible, when both are properly understood and taught. The scientific world has never accounted for the origin of life although evolutionary theories have been advanced claiming to account for the origin of life other than as stated by the Bible for about half a century. There is no light without pre-existing light and God is the Creator, the originator of all life.

"Man was made in God's image and after the material man was created God breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul, a spiritual being, thus differentiating him from all other animal life.

"Therefore, be it further resolved, that we pledge Prof. Morgan our moral support on this issue.

"That our Clerk be instructed to send copy of this action to Dr. Morgan."

Rev. G. D. Robison and Elder R. A. McCord were elected members of the Executive Commission to serve three years.

Rev. R. P. Smith, appointed to declare the dissolution of pastoral relations between Rev. B. T. Watson and the Water St. and Farmington churches, reported that his duty had been performed.

The Committee appointed to dispose of the lot at Cornersville reported that the lot had been sold to S. A. Smith, and that the sum of \$113.50 had been realized. The committee was instructed to turn this money over to the Trustees of the Presbytery.

Normandy was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. J. M. Robison as pastor of the Normandy requested that July 1, 1923, be the date, Rev. W. L. Gilmore to preside, preach the sermon, and deliver the charge to pastor and Rev. E. F. Cody to deliver the charge to the congregation. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Attendance reported that permission had been

granted the following brethren to leave: Rev. E. F. Cody, Elders C. M. Banks, J. P. Gibson and C. M. Ferrell.

The congregation of Lasting Hope made request for dissolution. Upon motion of Rev. E. H. Liles, the members of this church were attached to the Garden St. Presbyterian church.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, calling attention to some matters relating to the Board of Church Election, and also to the request of Synod that Presbyteries have their minutes printed.

The stated clerk was ordered to have the minutes of the presbytery printed and distributed.

The Committee on resolutions presented its report which was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1st. The members of Duck River Presbytery desire to thank the pastor and officers of Garden Street Presbyterian Church for the use of the church for this meeting of Presbytery and we desire to express our hearty appreciation of the careful preparation for the comfort and entertainment of the members of Presbytery.

2nd. That we express our deep appreciation of the instructive and inspiring sermons and addresses before Presbytery, noting especially the addresses of Dr. Provine, Dr. Orr, Miss Lynn, Mr. Green and of Mrs. Andrew Todd Taylor and Mr. Patterson on Foreign Missions.

3rd. We desire especially to thank the good women of this church and city who have so kindly received us and have so graciously served us with sumptuous fare and with the very best comforts that their elegant homes and kind hearts could provide.

HOWARD M. WELSH,
J. P. GIESON.

Rev. Howard M. Welsh was added to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Presbytery voted to recommend Rev. W. T. Van Horn to the Board of Ministerial Relief for aid should he find it necessary to ask for assistance.

The Committee on Session records, Rev. W. J. Bruce, Chairman, reported that the following session books had been examined and found correct: Bell Buckle, Central, Chapel Hill, Christianna, College Grove, Farmington, Grace, Howell, Garden Street, Huntland, Water Street, Main St., Mooresville, Tullahoma, Normandy, Smartt Memorial, that the following churches did not present their books: Beech Grove, Cowan, Lasting Hope, Lawrenceburg, Shiloh, Unionville, Winchester.

The stated clerk was instructed to write the churches that did not send their books, calling their attention to the rule of Presbytery, and urging them to attend to this duty.

The Auditing committee, Elder B. A. Satterfield, reported that the treasurer's books had been examined and found correct. No vote was made on the books to this effect.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made its report which was adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submits the following report:

Of the twenty active churches of the Presbytery, ten have returned, filled in, the questionnaires on Foreign Missions sent to them by the Chairman of your committee.

A careful study of these reports seems to reveal an increasing interest in general in Foreign Missions among the churches of the Presbytery.

At a recent meeting of the Synod's Committee on Foreign Missions, we are glad to report that reference was made to the Presbytery of Duck River as being among the leading Presbyteries of Synod in point of Foreign Missions interest and activity. This is mentioned for our encouragement, that we may press forward to get greater things.

We are especially gratified to note the constantly increasing interest in mission study in the churches of the Presbytery. In this our churches show themselves in line with the general trend of the churches throughout the denomination, for Missionary education is growing in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. And as a natural consequence, of course, as our people increase in their knowledge of Missions their offering increase in proportion.

Your committee notes with great joy the excellent work being done by the Women's Missionary Societies in the churches of the Presbytery.

We would call the attention of our pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and church sessions to the great opportunity of teaching missions in all of our Sunday schools, and urge that they take advantage of this opportunity in a definite and systematic way, calling upon the Educational Department of our Board of Foreign Missions for assistance.

Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor afford another splendid opportunity for the forwarding of the great work of world-wide evangelization as it pertains to the dedication of both life and substance.

At great cost of time, energy and money vast quantities of the choicest literature, in the form of books, magazines, letters and leaflets, are distributed to our pastors and churches. Provision for the wise use of this literature should be made by every congregation.

Again your committee would call attention to the Ovoca Summer Conference and the excellent opportunities it offers for the training of missionary leadership in the churches. Let every congregation send some of their young people to this conference.

There should be a missionary library in every church.

"Japan" will be the subject of Foreign Missions Study for 1923-1924. "A School of Missions in every church" is our Presbyterial

watchword. What churches will be the next to join the already goodly number to put on the School of Missions?

In their missionary study and activity let our churches keep constantly before them the four-fold division of the work as outlined by our Board of Foreign Missions, namely: Education, Intercession, Stewardship and Life Service.

And let us not fail to bear to the Father's throne of grace in our prayers the Fishers, our Missionaries in Pesia from the Presbytery of Duck River.

Your committee most earnestly offers the following resolutions, which we hope and pray may find their way to the pastors and people of our churches and contribute something toward the setting forward of the cause of all causes, the cause for which our living Lord gave His life, namely: That all men of all nations might know the redeeming power of Himself and His glorious good news, the Gospel:

1. That we express our deep appreciation of the services of Rev. R. O. Franklin, for a number of years a missionary under the Foreign Board, to Siam, for his excellent services rendered in his itinerary of the churches of our Presbytery; that like appreciation be expressed to Mrs. Taylor, of the Woman's Board, for her helpful and inspiring address of last evening and last but by no means least to our own Mr. J. M. Patterson for his truly great address of last night on Africa, and for the valuable time which he is to spend in visiting the churches of the Presbytery of Duck River:

2. That the Foreign Missions motto of our Presbytery heretofore adopted, namely: "A School of Missions in Every Church and Every Church a Second Mile Church," be so revised as to make the "Second Mile" portion of the motto to apply to all the benevolences instead of to Foreign Missions alone, and that every church of the Presbytery going beyond its accepted benevolent budget in its benevolent offerings be presented by Presbytery, with a copy of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's book, "The Second Mile."

3. That, without in the least disparaging the excellent record made by most of our churches during the year just closed, in their Foreign Missions activities, we commend especially the McMinnville church for its work both in Mission Study and the fine offering made for Foreign Missions at the close of its School of Missions.

4. That our churches be urged to continue, with added emphasis, the development of the budget plan as the best and most scriptural plan, on the whole, yet struck upon by the church.

5. That, however, not less, but even more emphasis be placed by our pastors and churches on the great traditional Presbyterian principle of appeal to an educated individual Christian conscience in the matter of benevolent offerings, as in all things else.

6. That in keeping with this Scriptural and time-honored principle, the Presbytery of Duck River urge its churches not to permit special free-will offerings taken on special days, such as Christmas and Easter for Foreign Missions, Washington's Birthday and Thanks-

giving for Home Missions, the World's Temperance Sunday for Temperance, Children's Day for Publication and Sabbath School Work, etc., to apply on the regular accepted benevolent budget, but to be over and above such budget.

W. J. BRUCE, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of this report, Mr. J. M. Patterson addressed the presbytery at the 11 o'clock hour on the Foreign Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church."

The report was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Normandy Tenn., Monday, Sept. 17, 1923, 7: 30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Mr. J. M. Patterson, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. M. Robison, Moderator.

J. M. ROBISON, Moderator.

B. B. LAVENDER, Stated Clerk.

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